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(b) The improvement of existing industries is of equal if not greater importance than the starting of new ones. The Administration Report of the department which will be issued shortly will furnish fuller particulars of the work done or in progress and projects under contemplation during the year ending 31st March 1922. Among the inquiries dealt with by the Assistant Director, Bezwada, during the year under review may be mentioned those relating to the carpet industry of Ellore, the Palampore industry of Masulipatam, the ivory carving industry of Vizagapatam, the toy industry of Kondapalle, the crochet lace industry of Kistna, the slate industry of Markapur and the barytes industry of Betamcherla."

Slate factories in Cumbum and Markapur taluks.

424 Q.—Mr. K. Sarabha Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the Government are aware of the existence of slate factories in Cumbum and Markapur taluks?

A.—The answer is in the affirmative.

Crimes in the Kurnool district.

425 Q.—Mr. K. Sarabha Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(i) the number of criminal offences registered by the Police in Kurnool district during the year ending with March 1922;

(ii) the number of such crimes that have been investigated;

(iii) the number of such cases that have ended in the conviction of offenders;

(iv) the number of cases in which the offenders have been acquitted, with reasons for their acquittal;

(v) the number of offences that have been referred as undetected, with reasons for doing so; and

(vi) the number of railway offences committed during the year and the measures adopted to minimize those offences?

A.—The Government have no information other than that contained in the annual administration reports.

Promotions in the Police department.

426 Q.—Mr. K. Sarabha Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it is not the policy of the Police department to give promotions on considerations of distinguished service as well as on those of seniority?

A.—Promotions are made on a variety of considerations including those mentioned by the hon. Member.

Criminal settlements at Kavali, etc.

427 Q.—Mr. K. Sarabha Reddi: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government are aware that a gang of people have escaped from the criminal settlements of Kavali and Siddapuram and are moving about in the Kurnool district?

A.—The Government have no information.